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Morph Rats

Animals with high-level intelligence and sociality. They revere magick-wielding humans as gods and do construction work around the town.

Squealer

Prolocutor of the Robber Fly morph rat colony. Speaks excellent Japanese and shows obeisance to humans.

The story thus far...

Japan, one thousand years in the future. Saki Watanabe grew up strong and healthy in peaceful Kamisu 66 Acreage near the Tone River. After her powers finally awoke she made the Holistic Class, and everything seems to be going smoothly until her friend Reiko, who had trouble controlling her magick, suddenly disappears. All memories of Reiko are wiped from her friends' minds, and they don't register the fact or the adults' conspiracy. During summer camp, Saki and the others venture into the Off Limits Zone and are caught up in a war between overseas and domestic Morph Rats!

Reiko Amano

Childhood friend of Saki. Made it into the Holistic Class but struggled to control her magick. She vanished one day, from Saki and the others' memories, too.

Shisei Kaburagi

The most powerful magick user in Kamisu 66 Acreage where Saki and the others live.

Mr. Endo

A teacher at the Holistic Class and Saki's homeroom teacher. Because his beard and hair are connected he's called Sun King.

Saki Watanabe

A very curious and active girl. She's fearless and has dreamed of the day she could explore out past the Border Rope. Her magick was late in awakening.

Shun Aonuma

An excellent student and very wise. His magick skills are extraordinary and his prospects are bright. He grew up with Saki, who admires him.

Mamoru Ito

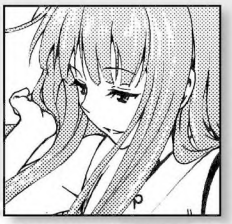
A meek, gentle boy.
A graduate of Friendship Academy who became friends with Saki and the others at the Holistic Class. Good at drawing.

Characters from The new world

Profiles

Satoru Asahina

Childhood friend of Saki. Exchanges taunts with her and likes to spook people with tall tales that may or may not be true.



Maria Akizuki

Best friends with Saki. A beautiful girl with flame-red hair. Strong-willed and blunt-spoken yet unaffected at heart.

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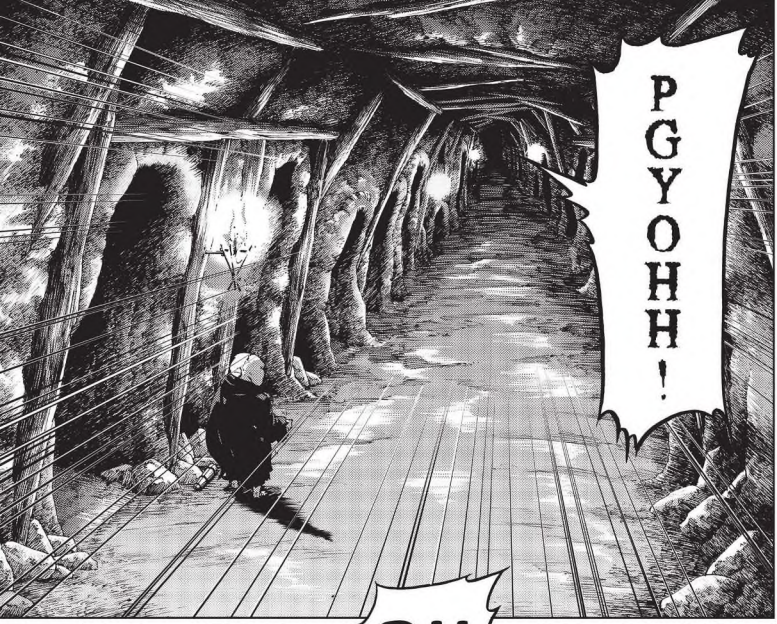
PGYOHH!

?!!
JUMP

Ky-ork!
...
What is...
Gy-oo!
Pgy-aah! Gya!

Huh?!
D-Did it just go to check on it for us?
DASH

Wh-What's that?
RUSH
Pgyoh! Kyuk! Kik-yuk! Kyo-piik!
?!

Chapter 5 The Time Remaining

Attack... You mean, the overseas Rats? How?
WHUP
...
How do you know ?!
Shit... They really are attack-ing.
Wasn't this colony absolutely safe?!
So he won't have a way to cope with it... Worst case, this colony will be...
The overseas Rats must have some strategy that's unknown to Squealer!
It's back!
!
WAVER
?!
wiped out.
No ...
BADUM
ドクン
SHAKE
Goh ...
G-Godt ...
JOLT
?!
STAGGER
Wait! Some-thing's wrong with it ...

?!
SHUDDER
SHAKE
Goh... G-G-Godt ...
JOLT
SHIVER
Gohds ...
SHAKE
JOLT
SHAKE
THUD
Kyoo...
...
Puh... ruh... Hee-gyok ...
Why? What could kill it like that?
SNIF
Wait! A weird smell!
Smell ?
Like rotten eggs ...
...
CHILL
TWITCH
TWITCH
...
I-Is it dead ...?
...

It's poi-son gas !!
?!
JUMP
They're using a gas heavier than air
Kee ?!
Gkya
to wipe out the whole colony !
Gyoh !
Pi !
!!!
Gee ...
TWITCH
SHUDDER
SLUMP
SHAKE
We have to get out of this place right now!
Gya-heek !
TWITCH
Why do they all run downwards, when that's where the gas is pooling?
...
No, don't go that way !
Ah !
RUSH
I remember so follow me!
Which way ?
THUP
THUP
THUP

There! An exit!
Guys! The place must be surrounded by overseas Nanjin Rats! Let's watch each other's backs and head to the coast!
Yeah !!
there's no way they'd avoid total destruction!
They've always believed that "deep in the colony" equals "safety." Forget any countermeasures for poison gas.

shut ?!
The exit
?!

!!
Who did that?
Wh- Why ?!

Here it comes !!
Run, every-one !
The Morph Race from overseas! It's a tube they attached to pipe in poison gas!!

This way! Please hurry!
Run!
Quick!
I will survive and seek vengeance for my brethren !
It's not over yet, you overseas bastards!
Hurr
Hurr Hurr

No good.
This way, hurry!
Sakki, how's it looks?
poison gas all around up?
We've got
So our only escape route
?
Since we're higher up, it'll be some time until the gas fills the chamber
As it is, we can't go anywhere. To begin with, we lost track of the exit after darting about every which way.

Y-Yeah! We don't even know how far it is to the surface!
What?! If you screw up and it collapses we'd be buried alive! Not happening!
...
I know it's risky, but do we have any other options?
?!
is to use magick to break through the ceiling.
Right! Shun would
H-Hey, what do you think, Shun?
Guess our only choice is to hope the gas scatters before we run out of air...
...
...

Are we... gonna...
Nope, of course our air is gonna run out first
Hoo
Hoo
Hoo

What a turn of events. Overseas Rats

Hee hee hee hee hee
Should we deploy counter-measures?
Group 1 breaking the rules is just as Lady Tomiko predicted. But to think it'd come to this...

Die die die die
Hee hee hee hee
Bad little children, dying in a hole! Give us the heeee of sliiiiss-u-mas!
Well and good, oh, well and good
Slup /

The soldiers pay a visit... but there's nothing we can do.
The sound of battle getting stronger.
Is it already dawn outside?
How much time has passed?

We might be the only ones left alive in the colony. But...
The screams of the Mazoku have already quit a while ago...

Why? Ugh, I hate this.
It can't be...
...
Oh no. No.
By Alpha Kate?
Stupid over-protective Kate!
...

sob
Soon, we'll also be...
No way...
Shun?
Saki
Yes!
Tell me your plan! Let me help!
Shun, wait! Have you come up with a way out?

I have no
plan ...

Sink or swim, I'm gonna use magick to break through the ceiling. Can you tell the others to move away as far as they can?

That's enough muttering from you!
Shut up, Mamoru !
??
...
...
I hate this... why?

You think if you keep acting so weak
someone is gonna come rescue you?!
Um—
Don't block your ears, listen to me!

H-Hey! What are you thinking at a time like this? Stop it, Maria!

No, Shun!
There's no way it'll work!

Weren't we all gonna get home safely?!
Saki
Hurry along.
No... Shun's gonna die!
Why? Why go so far?
!

Shun, a hero? That's not what he is.
No.
Ah ...
?!
CLANG
I won't let you do it alone
Huh ?!
No, Saki!
Why not ?!
I've always praised his acts and courage to the limit for sh.
But he's just a boy, my age.

I love!!
He's the one
Saki

Shut up, Satoru! This is between me and him!
Wha ??
Mamoru, you really think it's okay to stay so weak?
You don't look up to Saki and Shun ?
...
You do, don't you? I'm a coward too so I know!
Ma-moru ?

Stand up, Mamoru!
Are you gonna die here, never even having tried to become strong?

If the ceiling collapses before I reach the surface we're done for. It'll be a matter of split-second timing.
I'll bore a hole in the ceiling. You guys hold up the falling rubble.

Yes !!
We're all getting home safely no matter what!
Please trust me with your lives!

!!

Hang in there, Shun !!
All right !!
Ung

Yaa aaah !!
WHRRRR
?!
It's caving in!!
GAA AAA AAH

Urk
Urgh
HALT
Shun! Hurry, please!
It's heavy... We can't hold it up much longer!
Shun !!
Yaa
Shun !
Hee
Ngaaa
aaa aaa aaa aah !!

7°
Hm...
What's going on?
Shun !!

?!
Shun
?!

Shun
!!
You okay, Shun ?
!!!!

RONG
?!
Ghyuk
Ooo

Shun !
Whoa
D-Did we make it?

We're saved !!

Aw, yes! Let's go!!

Hurry, let's get outta here!
The sky!

I'll make stairs !!
Shun !
C'mon, hurry !
Listen up, overseas Rats! We'll make you pay for tryin' to kill us!!
Yaah
?!

What's wrong ?!
Shun ?!

Shun ?!

Shun ?!

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Found one
So?
Y-you don't mean
Let's get back to the Ethics Committee.
I'd hoped that it wasn't true.
...

Chapter 6
Hideous Creatures

I dunno! We just need to get back to town asap! We've escaped the gas but we're surrounded by overseas Rats. Think how we might safely get back to the boats!
He has a high fever and he's out cold. Why the hell...
But! Can we do it without Shun?
Shun
...
Please hold up...
Hang on, Shun!

right away!
We'll get you back to town
What is that?
That sound?
?!
There's no way it can beat an overseas Rat...
The native ones weren't totally wiped out!
A battle between a native and an overseas Rat!

SLASH

What? I-It's... strong!
GOK

What?! The native Rat won!
Gya-guk!
Look! There's another one!

!
What's with these Mongol Rats?!

!
Young gods !
Squealer! You made it?!
It's not from the Robber Fly Colony
A different tattoo ...

Most of our brethren in the colony have perished.
Yes... Luckily some subordinates and I were in a shallow tunnel to help the Queen evacuate.

would seem to indicate that they are from the Giant Hornet Colony.
Rein-force-ments! Their tattoos ...
So who are those morph Rats ?

Yes
They have over 20,000 troops. They're the largest and strongest colony in the Kanto region!
-oooo-
Whew
If they can go on and exterminate the overseas Rats, we can get Shun back to town in no time!
I know! We'll ask the Giant Hornets to escort us!
Japa-nese!
Why are you out here?
!!
Gods ?!

I'm the Commander-in-Chief of the Giant Hornet Army.
Kiro-maru.

* The name "Kinomaru" includes characters that mean "cold" and "wolf"

It's Shun! He's been unconscious for a while! We need to get him back to town soon!
Uhm, Kinomaru! Will you escort us quickly back to our boats?

Wh-Why?! Does that have to happen right now?
If we don't strike back promptly, they'll take their Queen and flee and continue to be a menace to you gods.

?!
please accompany us as we destroy the overseas Rat colony.

Can nothing be done?
B-But...
If we split our forces in order to guard you, we won't be able to defend against surprise attacks. Striking them first is safest and fastest, the ideal approach.

!
Gods!
I, Squealer, have a good idea!
...
We don't want to waste a second getting back to town.

With your power of the gods, tearing them limb from limb would be like taking candy from a baby. It's the best plan to save the boy god!
Rain down divine punishment on them with your magick! Lend us aid to root them out!
Excuse me, who are you?
I'm fully aware that such a deed would weigh heavily on you, gentle gods, but it's for the—
?!
You want us to use magick to kill the overseas Rats?
Lord Squealer...
Kill Morgo Rats to grant to save Sam !!
Now, gods, what do you decide ?
We hobbled these gods for a night after they were unluckily set upon by our foes!
I am the prolocutor of the Robber Fly Colony, Squealer.

You can shut up.
SHUDDER
Shame on you!
You'd exploit their might to serve your own greed
You aim to take credit for the good succor so as to lay claim to the spoils of war?

There's no need to worry, gods.

Crushing them won't even force our army to break its stride.

I wonder what they're talking about?
Oishi kuuh
Ogon piyuk
Kuuh

Oikyu kuuh
Pi-yuuu Kuu Kuu

Hum
!!
It didn't feel right
What was that?
Guys, we will be advancing to the front ahead of you. Please take your time, but continue to follow us.
...
I feel uneasy when I can't get your opinion ...
Shun... was this really the right decision?

Will we... really make it safely back home? If Kiromaru loses...
we'll be right in their midst without Shun's magick.
...
Still whining? You totally suck !!
Shun has protected us so many times, and now when he's in trouble that's all you can do?!
Mariya
You're a waste of space! You're fine that way?
It's true, but...
Yeah, you're right.

Ma-moru ?!
It's our turn to be strong!
Hmf
That's the spirit!

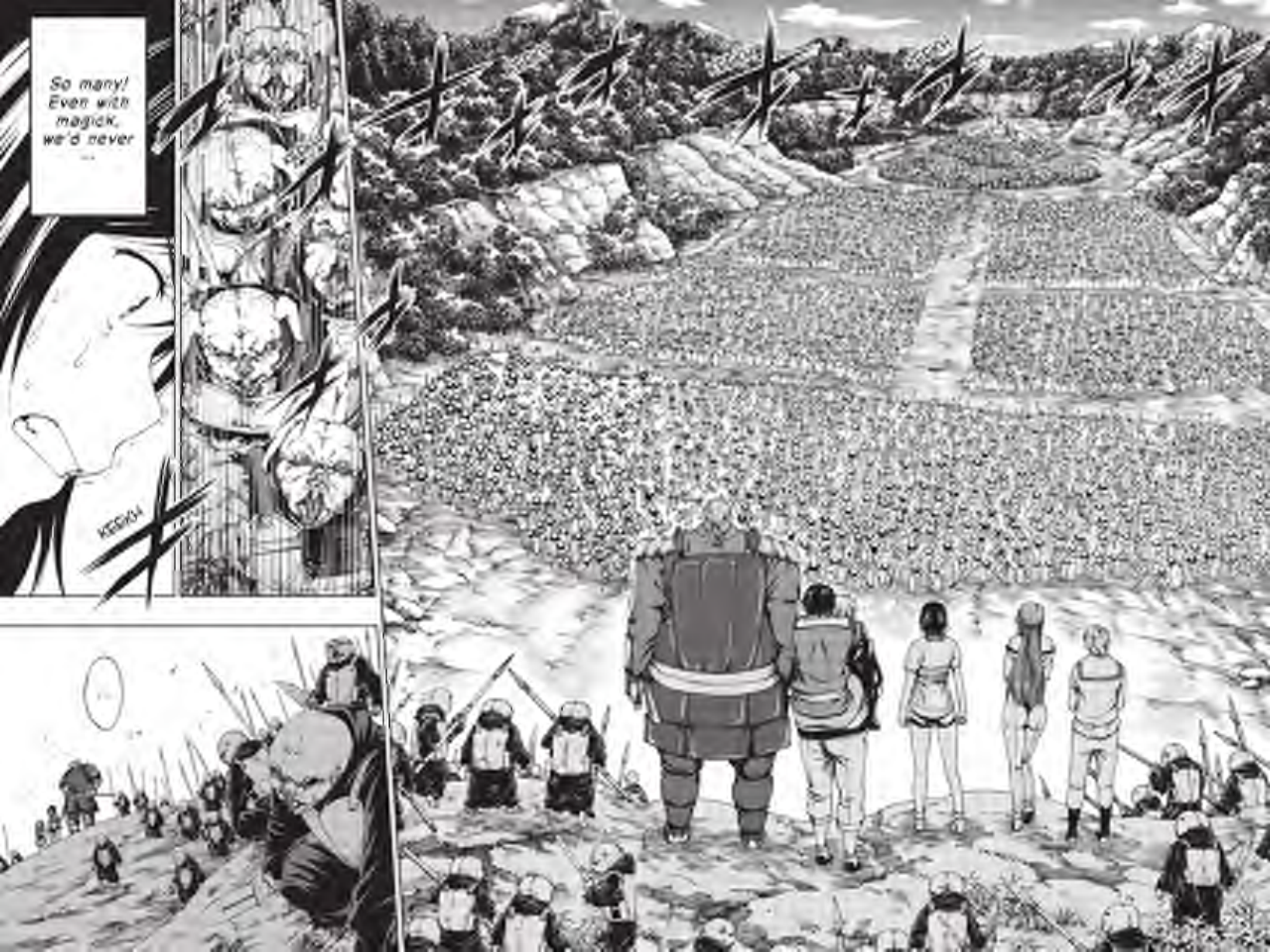
I could never beat him at anything since we were kids. I was always so jealous and wondered what his deal was.
Shun really is pretty awesome. He's saved our asses so many times.
Maria

But now it's our turn to save him!!
Let's combine forces and do our best!
We're gonna get Shun back to town!
Satoru! Everyone
Yeah!

Let's do it, guys
Whoa! What's with you, Sam?
Heh heh heh

?!

The vanguard has reached the overseas Rat colony! Lord Kiromaru wishes you to observe the battle!
!!
Gods !!
Wh-What? A war cry?
I can sense their zeal...
like they're turning into a mass of murderous rage...
Look. They have chosen the fore of their colony as the location for the final battle!
Lord gods, you are well met here!


So many! Even with magick, we'd never
KEGH
...

Only victory could ever await us!
!!
We Giant Hornets are proud servants of the gods!!

We shall brush away these rogues who do not know to fear god!
Bring down on the Ground Spiders

the iron hammer of justice !!

Raa
aaa
aaa
aaa
aah
Pgy
ooo
ooo
ooo
ork
It's on...
Before I went past the Rope I'd never even seen a Morpo Rat up close.
This scene, which I'd never have imagined within the confines of town.

they're truths the adults kept hidden from us.
All the blood, the screams ...
is no less an aspect of this world.

WAIT!!

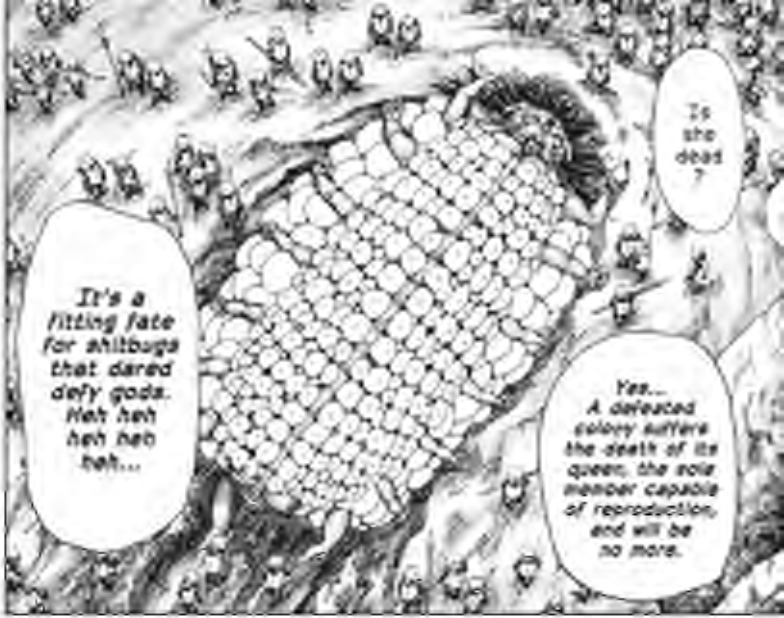
Fuck!
Sss-

Raa aaa aaa aah !

Enough. I wanna go back to town

All those fearsome overseas foes, and in a blink too...
Heap of cake

The Queen of the Ground Spider Colony
That ?!
What's that?


It's a fitting fate for shitbugs that dared defy gods. Heh heh heh heh heh...
Is she dead?
Yes... A defeated colony suffers the death of its queen, the sole member capable of reproduction, and will be no more.

Ooh... Those are the spoils of war!
And what's that?
Hee hee hee hee hee!

!!
No, something much more valuable. It can save my colony!
Huh?
What is it, treasure?
Lord Kiroharu was gracious enough to allow us a catch of the booty!

Ground Spider infants.

?!!
Ha! ha! They'll be slaves!
How are they "spoils" that can save your colony?

Not just their faces, but their whole way of life!
How ugly!
Why do such beasts even exist in this world?

Now we can rebuild our colony!
Free labor... Fertilizers upon death! Are there any greater spoils of war?!

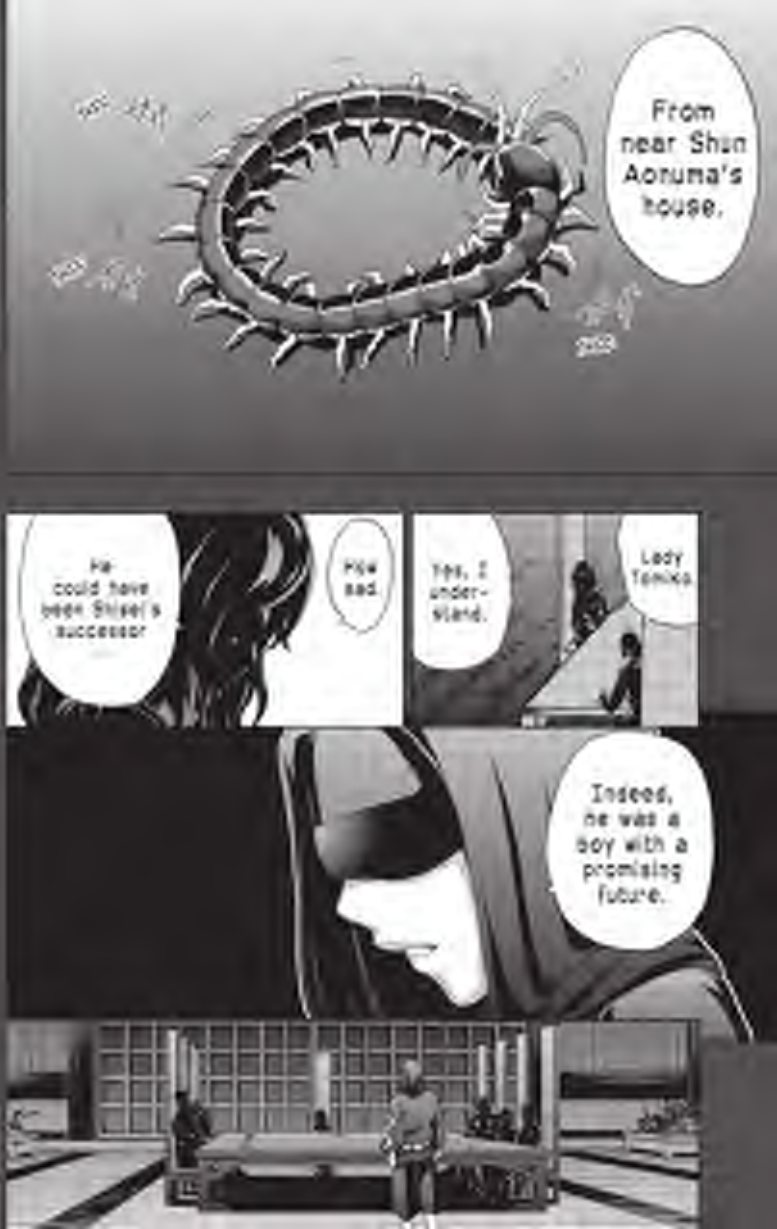
!!!!
Suzuki, listen
ぼく ぼく

?!
Wait...
Please... listen to me...

I-I'll go tell Kiromaru that we'll get going right now!
Shun ?!
Shun, you're awake ?!

?!
I... remem-bered.

!!
Shisei. You have returned from your investigations?
And the result?
Yes.
Yes. I found it, and brought it back here.
Shisei, is that...
Can't be...
Th-That's...!


From near Shun Aonuma's house.
He could have been Shigel's successor
How sad.
Yes, I understand.
Lady Tomiko
Indeed, he was a boy with a promising future.

I will dispose of Shun Aonuma before he becomes a Karma Demon.

Go, and take five Cans of Impurity. Failure is not an option.
I'll also contact the Temple of Purity, but I'm putting you, an Ethics Committee member, in sole charge.
Is he here? The homeroom teacher ...
I am.
...
Yes.
There are always fools with these bad children.
Kofu?
Lady Tomiko, I have an idea ...
Hee hee hee hee... Would've been best if they'd all died in the hole...

Why not have the Bats dispose of him?
True. To make double-sure.
We'll send out a bird at once to contact Kiromaru of the Giant Hornet Colony.
HOO

Shu-
What did you remember ?

Wh-What are you saying?! We have to, to get you treated!
?!
We can't go back to town !!
If we go back to town, we'll be killed ...
I remembered everything ...
Let's get Kiromaru and go home
Th-That's just wacko.
Adults.
Killed?! By whom?
If we go back, we'll get
Shun ?

killed by the adults just like Reiko.
Reiko? Who...
Shuri, the fever's gotten to your brain.
Let's get going!
All right!
Hey, Saki, what's wrong?

Huh ?

But just hearing the name makes me... Why ?!
sob
sob
Reiko?! I don't under-stand ...

What ?
Huh ?

Wait, what's going on?
Why am I crying ?

Lord gods ?
Is anything the matter ?
You seemed to have a request so I sent for him.
If we send the bird out now, it'll reach Kiromaru and
ハッ
ハッ

Lord gods.
convey my orders before the break of day...

You had
a request for me?

There's no way adults would ever kill children!
Shun's just confused.
What should we do, Saki? Do we go home?
...
R-Right! Adults...
Mom and dad would never do such a thing!
But Shun did it already... I'll do mine! I don't mind my daughter!
So did Shun just start out normal?
He may be a bad influence...
Saki, what should we do ?!
...
Shun ?!
AAA AAA AGH
Shun? Why...
Saki !!
What's wrong? Does your head hurt?

Let's go back to town !!
Getting him treated comes first.
Yes, please !!
That's where I can assist. There may still be remnants who're hiding out. Allow us to be your escorts.

Shun
I will
save you !!

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Fiends and Karma Demons
"Fiends and Karma Demons." To continue, we'll discuss Demons Index
Read it out loud, Shuri.
Yes.
Emon
CHAPTER 7
INDECISION

The young man, whose intelligence made him conceited, unwittingly disdained others.
Arrogance sows the seeds of karma.
His accumulated karma eventually caused the youth to

trans-form
into a Karma Demon, no longer human.

Around the demon, flora twisted into bizarre forms.
Food turned to poison, and creatures died in fear.
The Karma Demon. Finally all alone.
realized that he should not exist in this world.
In time he reached a beautiful lake.
The demon thought, "Surely I can purify myself in this lake and restore my personhood."
The Karma Demon is escaped.
But the lake, too, water turned into a thick, dark pool of venom.

quietly vanished into and under the lake.
Hah Hah
Hah
Hah
Shun! We'll get you back to town for treatment right away!
Hah
Hah
Kiromaru, how much longer 'til we reach our camp ?!
Just a little more!
No.

N-no... you can't...
go back to town...

If we go back, we'll get killed by the adults just like Reiko?
What do you mean, Shun?
Shun !!
AA AA GH!
Hey, you all right?
Why is he blurting out such things?

オ…オオ
Shun
Hmm mmm
Gu…

Even with magick, he cannot fend off such a volley.
An order to assassinate the boy god.
and will shoot at once from all angles.
The troops that went ahead and is being sent

Now
Shun? Hang in there!
Uhuh
Ass ash

Fire
!!

Fwoom

Why has no one fired?!
?!
pant
pant

Aagr...
Wha...!

!
Squealer? What are you looking at?

What is... that?!

At what? What do you mean?

Huh?

Huh?

Saki?! What's up?

Huh? Uh...

Guys, look at that!

A Morph Kar eaten by a tree?!

...

A tree would never grow into such a weird shape.
Right, it has to be some monster.
C'mon, let's hurry.
A hallucination?

Flora twisted into bizarre forms...
"Around the demon

Why am I wandering around in a place like this?

Ah! Look!
Grr. Grrrh...
Wh-What on earth is this?

Ah, right.
Your just a little more rustic, Satoru!
!!
Mt. Tsukuba! The shape means the boats are close!

So they're here.

Yes.
Very well. Please take care of it.

Huh ?!

No... Guys... Run away!

Get Shun into a boat, quick!
We're here! It's the camp!

Sun King!
And that's...

Hello
Saint Mushin from the Temple of Purity!

Why are they here?
Hmm... But...
If the adults move that old boat with the magick, we'll be back in town in no time.
Amazing... no mana...

We told you that this area is off limits!
You kids !!
HOLLER
Mom ...
We had to ask a nearby temple to help us find you!
We searched everywhere for you. Well, I never! What're you up to?!
Sorry
...
Teacher ...
Don't make me worry so much!
What ?
Uh, teacher! Shun is in really bad shape.

Oh? Let me see. I may be able to discern what the problem might be.
P-Please do!
Ryan!!
Ryan!
Ryan!
Ryan!
What'll we do if it's some major illness?
Si-Stop talking crap! He'll be just fine! Right, See?
Of course he's gonna be all right!
!!
I see what the matter is

—
It's nothing. He simply overexerted his magick and the wavelengths are in disarray.
If you entrust him to my care, he'll be healed in no time.

Yaaaay!
Hooraaay!!

Haa aaa aaa ...
Geez. Shun, you made us worry so much! Ha ha ha!
I'm so glad!
So, so glad!

I will take him under my care then.
Please do. I'll head back to town with the rest of these urchins.
Okay!
Get in the boat!

And you Morgin Race. Specialists will arrive in due course to debrief you so give them the details.
Yes, sir.
...
Now, then
Certainly
Yes.
I want to wait on him! It's okay, right?
Can I stay here until Shun's treatment is over?
Uh...
?
He... he he ha ha !

Saki, you can't just
do what adults tell you to do?
?!
If we go back, we'll get killed by adults just like Reiko.
Do they kill kids who don't do as they say?
What? What happens if I don't?

But was it really the right thing to trust the adults and hand Shun to them?!
No way... I'm over-thinking things... But...
BADUMP
ドッ ドッ
BADUMP
ドッ ドッ ドッ

Hm? Maria?
It's okay, Saki!
?

!

Saki ?
Saki! C'mon, hurry up!

If you don't, you'll all...
Saki, please open your eyes!

Shun will pull through! Have some faith!

Even St. Mustin is here so there's no need to worry. Let's wait in town
Maria

Kaede

Please, Saki!!
Please open your eyes!
Faith ...
Saki ...!
Right! Why would I ever distrust adults!
Shun! We're heading back first!
See ya, Shun!
Shun, will you get on board and come back to us?
A-ha... You guys...
Don't go! The adults... they'll

I'll be waiting for you in town !
Shun !

Hey— Shun...
...

Now then

Let us begin the rite.

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ゴゴ

オオオオ
ROARR
オオオ
?!
Nn ?!
ROAR
オオ
ドロ
ドロ
ROARR
オオオオオオオ

...

Sigh So I guess this is the end of summer camp
So much hair-pening
Oh? Ran'ia, are you crying?
N-no! I'm not crying!

I was just remembering all the scary things that happened, and realized we can go home.
It's like I can finally go slack, or something.
sigh

What?
You think it's over? We'll be getting you, and you'll all write one-hundred-page apologies for me!
Plus it's not over until you greet back Shun, right?

There was something I meant to do once we were back in town.

...

SIP

I'd work up the courage to give my reply.
The feelings Shin confessed to me that night when the stream so prettily reflected a starry sky—

If I told him how I felt,
we wouldn't be able to stay as we were, as childhood friends.

I'd work up the guts to share
But if I did tell him, surely a wonderful future awaited us!
my own ardent feelings for him.

Wake up!
Saki!
Saki
Saki
Saki
Huh?
My head still hurts.
Um...
Hey, who woke me up?
The sauce has confirmed
The Sun King is talking to someone?
Everyone's asleep...

that Shun Aonuma is turning into a Karma Demon.

I am on my way back to town with the other four...
What?!
Huh?!

Shun turning into a demon? What is he saying?

STAB

There is no worry of the other children witnessing the disposal unlike what happened in Reiko Amano's case.
Aah... Hurt
My head hurts... like it's splitting
Saki
Saki
Please prepare for the children to have their memories of Shun Aoruma erased—just like last time.

Saki.
Rei...
ko...
Reiko, just like Maria, was my...

childhood friend.
my dear

I just
remembered everything !!

The Cats of Impurity were released, the Morph Rats are deployed. We're in perfect shape. After returning the other four to town, I'll retrieve the corpse.
That is all.

We've escaped by the skin of our teeth as always.
Everything about that town is fake.

between parent and child —
all they really are is fond, as they might be of some domesticated animal.

The love between teacher and pupil.

We've been living in a box made of lies.

The adults have been raising us like live-stock—!

!!

...

What did you ...
You're awake?
Shun Aono-san.

Sadly, this is your last chance to speak to anyone.
If you have any last words, I will give audience.
If you have questions, I will answer any.

...

How were Manga Race able to evolve into their present form?
Do Fiends really exist?

Why am I becoming a Karma Demon?

One thousand years ago, humans couldn't use magick.

Are there humans outside of Japan?
What is the Border Rope really for?

What price did we pay to gain
this god-like power and why ?
What in the world is magick ?

that the adults know.
Please tell me every-thing about this world

So I shall, as long as time permits.

....

Not here! Crap!
!!

Am I hearing things ?
Uh-oh

Saki Wata-nabe !

I've decided.
I don't care if I never go back to town.
I won't let them
I don't ever want to lose someone dear to me again.

kill
the
one
I
love
!!

FROM
THE
NEW
WORLD

Yeah, it's pretty !
Ah, well done, Saki! Do you like the aurora?
Aurora Borealis
EX-UTIME

and see lots of pretty things !
When I grow up I'm gonna go outside the Rope
CHAPTER 8
PROMISES

Hey, let's have a little chat.
Huh ?
Ah!

That girl keeps talking about wanting to go outside the Rope...
A DEBT'S thinking Abnormal child...
Why can't she understand that out there is a world full of bullyers!?
How did she grow up to be like this?
Hey!
You said you wanna go outside the Rope?
Hey!
Can I go with you?
!

I-I'm Saki Wata-nabe!
I'm Shun Aonuma!
Um... P-Please let me join too
H-Hey, Shun, let's play
Huh? What are you looking at?
What's that?!
Whoa, so pretty!

I couldn't take my eyes off of him.

After some point

Shun was always special to me.

I believed one day

I would be united with him.

I won't let the adults do as they please!
pant
pant

get rid of Shun!
I won't let them

No, let her go.
Should we catch her?
Wh-why?!

SO SAY
Why is Lady Tomiko giving her special treatment?
Orders from Lady Tomiko herself: "Let Saki Watanabe be."

like Lady Tomiko—
she,

A whole bunch of thugs?
!
BIT
BIT

?!
Rip-
Rip
What
!!
Is this... what a Karma Demon does?
Ugh

and creatures died in fear.
food turned to poison.
Around the demon, fears twisted into bizarre forms.

Shun's
There's no doubt about it now.

turned into a Karma Demon.

So what if he has ?!

My feelings! My reply for that night! Our promises!
I will save him! We've gotten nowhere yet!

!!
I'm the only one who can save Shun!
His becoming a Karma Demon doesn't change any of that!

Shun must be inside !
Is that the center of these pheno-mena?
A circle

Are you in there ??
Shun !!

Shun !!
Please, if you're in there, answer me!
Shun! Shun?

Has he already ...
No
Please! Answer me, Shun! Shun!!
Shun!! You're in there, aren't you?!
Shun !!
...
...
...

!!
Saki... Why did you come here?
Wait for me! I'm going in!
Ah! It's there! She's in there!
What are you doing?! Don't come in here, Saki! I've become a Karma Demon!
If you get close —
I don't care —
Saki ?
It's gonna swallow...
Huh ?!
The grass suddenly shot up ?!

!!
Shun !!
Not Stay away from me!

ドサッ

Saki
?

Are you okay? Everything normal?

Get far away from me, now. I'm able to just barely hold back for the time being...
Saki

Wh-What're you doing ?!
Are you listening, Saki ?!
?!

Shun... Shun! I'm so glad...
I thought I'd never see you again...

Let's run away to somewhere they can't catch us!
Shun! I remembered Reiko! And I overheard that the adults want to get rid of you!

Saki

I bet we could cure you of this Karma Demon thing too!

We'll have to live outside town limits.
But...I'm sure I'll be fine as long as I'm with you!

Saki

?

There's no cure.

Huh ?
Saki, have you ever felt that magick is dangerous?
Saint Austin taught me all kinds of things.

That's true...
Dangerous? But you saved us with your magick so many times.

I could put an end to town all on my own.
But if I chose to use it to wreak havoc

Wh-What are you saying?
?!

That subconscious use transforms everything around us!
magick is always leaking out of our bodies.

...
That magick powers are as dangerous as that.
Listen. It's safe as long as it's totally under control. And yet

That sounds terribly risky...
...?! I've never heard of such a thing!

An unholy Realm ?

We need to keep on subconsciously imagining a place that any and all impurity flows to and stays. Hence every human has been imprinted with the idea of an unholy Realm.
Yes. Leaked magick is impure... It has to be directed someplace.

!!
We've been taught since we were little that outside the Rope is a world of darkness.

It's actually a psychological apparatus to channel leaked magick outside of town so we don't irradiate each other.
The Rope isn't there to protect the town from what lies outside.

Why... are you saying this?
A Karma Demon
We ourselves pose the biggest danger to the world.
That makes it sound like gacha.
The Rope's there to block what's inside and not outside of town?
But that...

is a human with Hashimoto-Applebaum Syndrome who can no longer stem his abnormal spillage of magick,
like me now.

Don't finish that sentence!
No! Stop it!
I realized that I—
The rest is just as we were taught in class...

I can't continue existing in this world.

No

you're still you! And I... I...
That's not true! No matter what,

!!
grrr

What ?!
Watch out!

...
vanished ?!
The Cat

CLANG

Shun what did you
Mama
!!

If you're near me when the dam breaks
Ah Ahh
but there's a limit to that effort
Mya ah
I'm trying my best to put a lid on it so you at least won't get affected
This is what it means to be a Karma Demon. We mutate everything around us indiscriminately without even noticing.

you'll end up like this too.
Woe
My arm

...
ぽろ

You can't be here with me.
Saki, go back to town. My concentration might fail at any moment.

Even if it means I can't be by your side, I'll keep looking! Because no matter what anyone says, I...
I'm sure they'll find a cure! Somewhere in the world sometime in the near future!

But I!

I want you
to go on living !!

!
It- Poi- son !!

Saint Mushin gave me poison as we parted.
So I could kill myself.

...

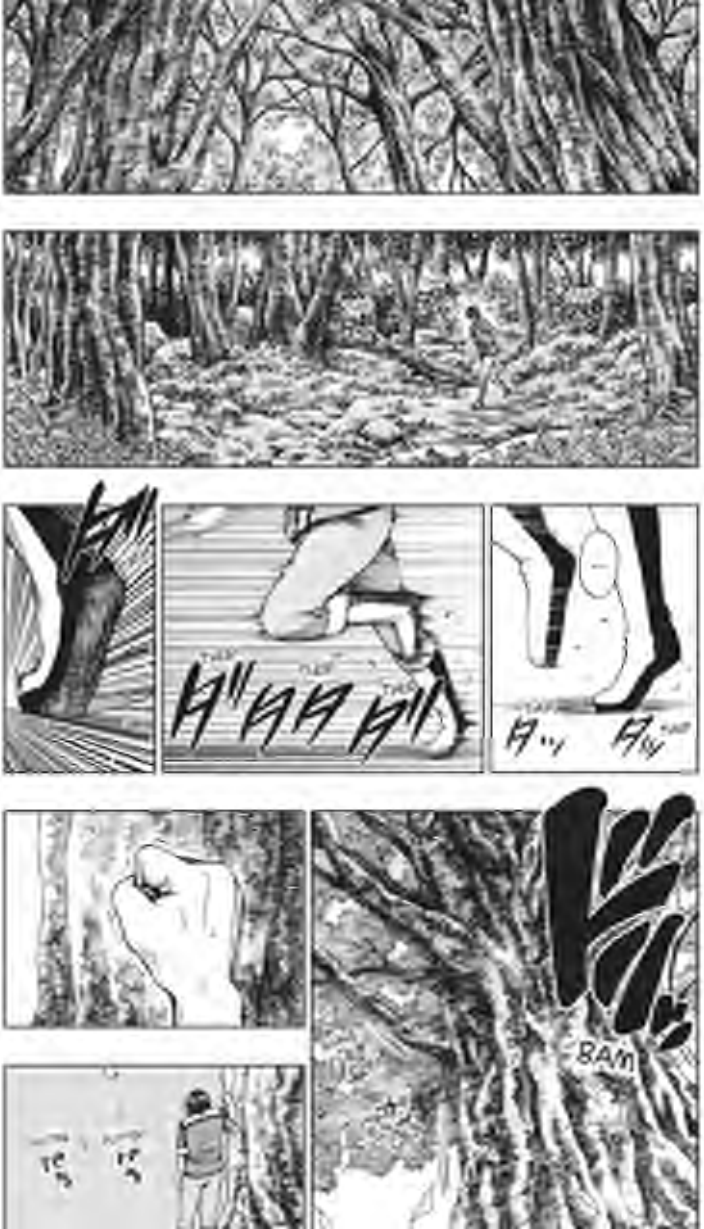
You took it?

Saki...
Tell me you didn't take it!
Why? Why?! Tell me you're lying!
Since I'm a Demon it just got neutralized and didn't do the job.

There's nothing I want from you!
Go home!
No!! I don't want to forget you!
They'll see to erasing all the memories you have of me, so...
Saki, please obey the adults and live in peace with everyone.

I can't do anything. I.
I can't save him...

Waaaaah
I can't save anyone that I love!


BAM

!
I'm running out of time. Gotta get as far away as I can.
Hey!

ZSHK

pant
pant
pant

Found you !
huh... huh...
huh

I don't care if I'm stupid!

Go home !
I don't know you were stupid enough to seek your own death!

Why

What
Ugh
Ng!
Shun, you don't really want to die, do you? It took me a while to realize

Whatever, I don't care! I'll go ahead and believe that you do!
That's why I'm not giving up!
The poison got neutralized because deep down you want to live... Right?!

Why did you come ?!
It's too late! There's nothing you can do!
Give up already you stub-born idiot!
I won't let you die!

Be-
cause
I
always
loved
you!

I don't want someone dear to me to die.
That's the only reason why.
Ahh...

Saki...
I—
But—
Uh—uhm—I know it's too late.

I want to live!
Yup.

What?! The sky's gone dark.
Night... Fell?!
...?

!!

Solar eclipse? No...
What's going on?

N- No...

!!

It's magick, of a power in a league of its own...

Do you remember? When we were in kinder-garten.
Saki

Your words turned my world upside down... What a sparkling dream! I bet that was when...
Yeah.
you'd worry adults by saying that you wanted to go see pretty things in the outside world.

I fell in love with you!

!

Let's make your dreams come true!
Shun, isn't that ...
Come on, Saki!
The aurora!

We're gonna fly!
WHAT?!
Hold on tight, Saki.
Shut! Wh-What are you—
Is this your magick... Eep!
EEE EEEE EEEK!!
!!
Saki—
You scared?
The ground is so far away!

I'm not scared of anything!
No, as long as I'm with you.

We're here, Saki-chan!

Wow!
It's like ...

we're on
some journey through space !

This view! It's incredible ...
I'll never forget this as long as I live!

Hm ?
Shun, see that ?!
Yes !
Look down! The Japanese archipelago, just like the maps!
Whoa

So there are humans outside of Japan!
!!
A small light!

There must be a cure for Karma Demons somewhere!
We could go anywhere, do anything!
The world was this wide —

see all the lovely scenery around the world!
...Yes. Let's search for it together and

that day!
The promise we made

I love you too, Saki...
Shun... I love you!

!!

!!

Huh
?!

Looks like time's up...
?!

Wh-What? What's going on?

Soon I'll be swallowed up in a massive deluge of magick myself.
This time it's really good-bye.
Saki ...
Shut... don't tell me you knew this would happen...
Search for the False White Cape.
The False White Cape?
Finding it is the only way to figure out this world. Its knowledge will be of use to you, no doubt.
?!

Wait! I can't do anything without you!
Please, Shun! Stay with me!
I want you to create a world where no one will suffer the same fate as Reiko and me.
Saki... If you can,

It's OK.

What-
ever
it is,
Saki,
you
can
do it.

NOOOO!!
?!

that we met ...
Saki ... I'm so glad

I always loved you.
Goodbye...

I'd be so ...
If I just get crushed flat...
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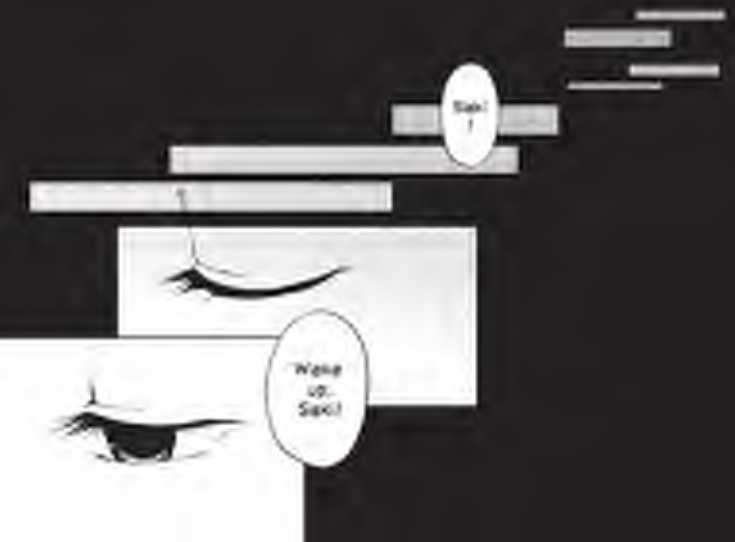
No! If I die now,
Shun would have trusted me with all that for nothing!

I'll shoulder his hopes and dreams
and go on living in that town!


Sasi!
!
Wake up, Sasi!

Satoru
Falling asleep right after arriving at school—you've got nerve!
Maria
Morning, Saki!
Mamoru
Hey, keep it down, it's a secret! If the teacher finds out
Well, that's 'cause summer camp was so intense!
Doesn't it feel like forever since we've been to class?
How embarrassing. I guess I'm worn out!
Heh heh... Morning, guys!
You're late! Ha ha ha
Hi.
Good morning, guys!
Summer camp was one attack after another.
Our lives were in danger, even.
But still
Okay, all five Group 1 members seem to be here now!

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3

From the New World Gallery

They're discussing their roles right up until recording. Pre-production! Squee!
VOICE ACTORS ARE ALREADY ON STANDBY. ALL THE MAIN CHARACTERS ARE VOICED BY ACTRESSES! AN ELEGANT SIGHT!
Well, come, Kobitsu-kohaku.
WE MEET DIRECTOR NAGASHI ISHIHARA IN THE SURPRISINGLY SIMPLE STUDIO!
SNEAK-REPORTING FROM THE RECORDING OF THE NEW WORLD ANIME!
Today we're reporting live from the recording studio where New World is being dubbed!
Hello! I'm the PR Manga Rat serving the godza, kaminkan-u!
wow so "anime"

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THEY ALL LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE DIRECTOR'S DETAILED INPUT!
The emotion here is...
Yes!
NOW THEN!
Even a simple scene, if two they're making a masterpiece!
A long
THE STAFF LAUGHS AT A CLEVER AD-LIB!
BREAKS ARE LIVELY, LIKE RECESS AT A GIRLS' SCHOOL!
THE DIRECTOR MAINTAIN AN IMPRESSION AS HE LISTENS FROM BEHIND THE BOOTH!

The original's author Mr. Yusuke Kishi arrives!
HE'S MAKING HIS DUB DEBUT AS "HUNTER A" IN EPISODE 3!
Now just sit-tight for when you run and jump over the fence.
OH NO, TOO MUCH
Huh?
Huh?
Huh?
Yes, we got it!
Ah Ah Ah... That's rough work! I'm not cut out for it...
OUR REACTION TO HIS ACTING IS HARD.
Mine
どばーーーん!!
I'M AN EXTRA OUT FOR HUNTER A IN EPISODE 3 PLAYED BY MR. KISHI
Hey
EPISODALLY THE SCENE WHERE HE HOPS OVER THE FENCE WITH A "HUP!"
I WAS THERE SCREEN EP. 1 FOR ME AFTER-WARDS.
The amazing makes me want to see more! The music added a unique atmosphere!
I can't wait for the 2nd episode! After the 3rd episode!
The voice actors are so young and energetic, which is just wonderful! I'm positive that the anime won't just be fun, it'll be a masterpiece!
Watching the anime adaptation reminded me of when I was writing the novel and I felt quite nostalgic. About riding a canoe as part of my research, for instance.
AT THE PARTY THAT NIGHT...
The girls are cute and the Morpo Rats are nice and creepy! Please make the manga good enough to beat the cover and anime! I have high hopes!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
AND ABOUT THE SERIALIZED MANGA IN "BESSATSU MAGAZINE"
PLEASE WATCH THE ANIME!
FROM THE NEW WORLD, WHERE THE CAST AND STAFF ARE ALL FIXED UP!

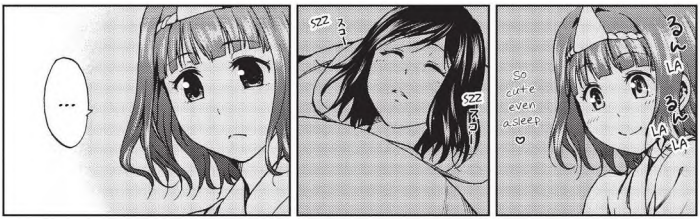
I WAS AN ORDINARY GIRL, BUT NOW I'M A NEWLY MINTED GHOST!
とほほ
ARAFUTY YUREIKO
NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M REIKO!
TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF MY LONG-AWAITED SUMMER CAMP SO I'M GONNA TAG ALONG!

HAHA, I WAS QUITE A SHOCK TO BE KILLED JUST FOR SCREWING UP SOME CLASSWORK!

I'll enjoy summer camp with everyone even though I'm dead!
Aww, who cares?
BLOW!

Even if a ghost like me can't help but!
Cooking! Pitching a tent! Camping with everyone is so much fun!
来てよかった～♡
Hey, boys! Stop chatting and get to work!
Yes, Chief!
SET-TING UP CAMP!
Saki!! Be-hind you! Be-hiiiii ind!!
Saki! Look behind you! A Mongh Rat!

Fine, I'll just gaze at Saki's sleeping face until morning!
Well, I can't sleep 'cause I'm a ghost.
ZZZ
Good night!
Okay, at dawn we'll go hiking!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SZZ
So cute even asleep ♡
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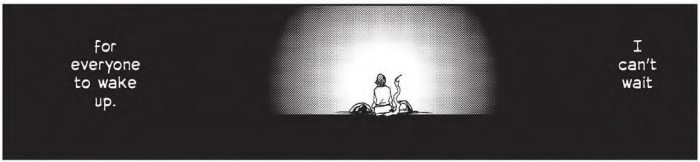
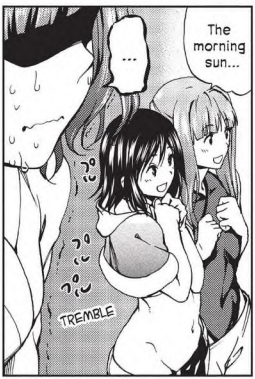

For everyone to wake up.
I can't wait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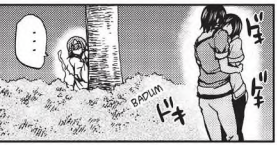
The morning sun...
TREMBLE

Whoa ...
Such a lovely dawn ...
DAZZLE
!!

AHH... SUMMER CAMP SURE IS FUN!
BUT I GUESS THIS WILL DO...
Owie !!
じゅ SIZZLE
PURIFYING
GHOST
HOLY SOLAR POWER!
Day-break ...

Bye-bye...
Let's all hang out again someday ...
but now I realize I lived a good life and have many lovely mem-ories.
It's so sad that they've all forgotten me and that I have to leave,


...
BADUM ドキ
ドキ

FLUSH
Uh-oh, I can't be going to heaven yet!!
TO BE CONTINUED?

Saki ...
Shun ...
BADUM ドキ
BADUM ドキ
ドキ

Ack !
THUD ドサッ

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Or will they be disposed of as impurities? A cruel fate beyond their wildest imaginings awaits...
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